of recommendations of BICP, Government have placed specific categories of truck and bus tyres under OGL at a reduced rate of duty for import by bulk consumers like Road Transport Corporations to keep a check on prices of tyres. Government is not in favour to allow import of tyres under O.G.L. at a reduced rate of duty to tyre dealers. Tyre manufacturers are embossing essential information on the side walls of tyres.

Collaboration proposal of Kelogg

1477. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent statement of our Ambassador to USA regarding a number of pending collaboration which has been approved including Kelogg;

(b) what are the items which Kelogg is planning to make and the approximate capacity for each item;

(c) whether there is any export commitment; and

(d) what is the value of imports involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (d) M/s. Kelogg International, USA, has submitted a 'concept paper' to the Ministry of Food Processing Industries for setting up a project in India for manufacture of a range of grain-based ready to eat cereal products.

Import of Potassium Penicillin-G

1478. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are allowing import of Potassium Penicillin-G first crystal to only those units who lift 50 per cent indigenous Potassium Penicillin-G against immediate payment at three times the international price from Public Sector Units;

(b) whether such action of Government amounts to discrimination against those who have scarce resources;

(c) whether such action of the Government creates monopolies for the large scale sector and curbs growth of small scale units who are unable to lift the same against cash payment; and

(d) what is the rationale behind this policy and why fiscal measures such as custom duty etc. are not used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) As per the existing policy for the year 1991-92, Import of Penicillin-'G' is allowed to organised as well as Small Scale Sector units in the ratio of 50 (Imported) : 50 (Indigenous) after lifting the indigenous material from the Public Sector Undertakings at a price, notified by Government from time to time. The ratio between indigenous and imported Penicillin-'G' is fixed taking into account the overall demand and indigenous availability.

Items in the Restricted list of Imports of the Exim Policy are normally permitted to be imported only if they are not indigenously available. Therefore, each unit is required to first lift the indigenous Pencillin-'G' before securing imports. Since Pencillin-'G' is the raw material for the manufacture of a number of important antibiotics, imported Penicillin-'G' has been exempted from customs duty. This is in keeping with Governments' resolve to make quality drugs available at reasonable prices.

Inclusion of SC and ST in the Selection Committees

1479. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India's instruction for inclusion of SC/ST

and Minorities in Selection Committees/Boards have been implemented by his ministry;

(b) if so, the details of such bodies under the Ministry alongwith the composition thereof;

(c) the details of bodies which have not implemented the instructions alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

CBI Report on leakage of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination Papers, 1991

1480. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 82 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th July, 1991 and state:

(a) whether Government have since received the Report of the C.B.I. on the leakage of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination papers, 1991; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what steps are being taken to check these mal-practices in future and to avoid complications in the appointments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Central Bureau of Investigation has not yet completed the investigation.

(b) All possible measures are being taken by the Union Public Service Commission for the smooth conduct of the examination. Necessary assistance from the State Governments and Union Territories has also been sought by the Commission in this connection. In the interest of maintaining the confidentiality and secrecy of the examination system, it will not be possible to disclose the measures being taken.

Water testing kits

1481. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to supply Water Testing Kits to educational institutions in rural areas which are equipped with Chemistry laboratories so that water samples drawn from nearby areas could be tested there in view of the shortage of water testing laboratories in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and progress made therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b) In 1987, Central Government had advised all States and Union Territories to purchase 104 potable water quality testing kits in each state and 54 in each Union Territory out of funds released under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. The kits were intended to be used by Rural Water Supply implementing agencies in States/UTs, selected voluntary agencies and through involvement of schools/colleges. The progress regarding actual number of kits purchased, utilisation of such kits, No. of samples tested etc. is not monitored at the level of Central Government.

Involvement of voluntary agencies in rural water schemes

1482. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had proposed involvement of voluntary agencies in implementation of Rural Water Schemes and also for imparting health education pertaining to drinking water supply and sanitation; and